

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

[[An]] an apparatus in a first vehicle ~~that produces for producing~~ and wirelessly transmits ~~transmitting~~ messages to at least one second vehicle configured to receive said messages, said apparatus comprising:

a communication device outputting said messages and said communication device including a unit ~~that determines for determining~~ road tolls; and

an activation device including a direction-of-travel indicator operating element, said activation device automatically transmitting said messages from the communication device in response to actuation of the direction-of-travel indicator operating element, said messages comprising at least information about the position and speed of the first vehicle; and

a control center ~~for controlling and sending that controls and sends~~ said messages from the communication device to the at least one second vehicle, wherein said control center ~~is configured to manage~~ manages road tolls.

15. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 14, wherein the direction-of-travel indicator operating element is at least one of a hazard warning system switch and a direction indicator switch.

16. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 14, wherein the messages activated by the hazard warning system switch are used in the control center to determine at least one of tail lift and a slow-moving vehicle and a broken-down vehicle.

17. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein the messages activated by the direction indicator switch are used in the control center to detect at least one of an overtaking operation by the first vehicle and a parked vehicle.

18. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 14, wherein the control center includes a digital road map.

19. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 14, wherein at least ~~on~~ one of said at least one second vehicle is configured to receive the messages also includes a unit for determining road tolls.

20. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 14, wherein received messages can be output in said first and second vehicle at least one of visually, audibly and haptically.

21. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 14, wherein the control center actuates a device for outputting collective traffic information.

22. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 14, wherein the communication device is a mobile telephone.

23. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 14, further including an online billing facility for at least one of sent and received messages.

24. (Previously Presented) A method for producing messages in a first vehicle and wirelessly transmitting said messages to at least a second vehicle wherein said at least one second vehicle is configured to receive said messages, where activation by a driver of the first vehicle is followed by transmission of the message, said messages including at least information about the position and speed of the first vehicle, said method comprising the steps:

automatically sending the message from a unit in the first vehicle for determining road tolls to a control center which is configured to manage road tolls after the driver of the first vehicle has activated a direction-of-travel indicator operating element; and

forwarding the message from the control center to the at least one second vehicle after said message has been received by said control center.

25. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the control center forwards a message to the at least one second vehicle only after at least one further message of the same type has been received.

26. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein provision is made for received messages to be forwarded in the control center.

27. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein the control center includes a digital road map.

28. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 16, wherein the control center includes a digital road map.

29. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein at least ~~on~~ one of said at least one second vehicle is configured to receive the messages also includes a unit for determining road tolls.

30. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 16, wherein at least ~~on~~ one of said at least one second vehicle is configured to receive the messages also includes a unit for determining road tolls.

31. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein received messages can be output in said first and second vehicle at least one of visually, audibly and haptically.

32. (Currently Amended) The system ~~apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 16, wherein received messages can be output in said first and second vehicle at least one of visually, audibly and haptically.

33. (New) The system of claim 14, wherein the online billing facility rewards the first vehicle for sending the message and charges the at least one second vehicle for sending the messages to the at least one second vehicle.

34. (New) The method of claim 24, further comprising the steps of:
- rewarding the first vehicle for sending the message; and
- charging the at least one second vehicle for sending the messages to the at least one second vehicle.